

Contaminants And the Pelagic Organism Decline

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2005 Studies

- Pelagic Fish Tissue Analysis (Fish Health)
- Aquatic Toxicity Testing
- Pyrethroids (Insecticide) White Paper
- Aquatic Herbicide Use and Toxicity White Paper
- Microcystis (Algae) Toxicity Testing and White Paper

2005 Results

- Fish Tissue Analyses

Showed Liver Damage

- Toxicity Tests

Reduced Growth and Survival for Indicator Crustacean

Not for Water Flea, Smelt, or Bass

- Pyrethroids Class of Insecticides- Use Growing

- Aquatic Herbicides-

Not Suspected

Concern over Additives-such as Surfactants

- Microcystis –Studies in Progress

Contaminants/ Biomarkers
2006-7 Process